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U.S. EPA awards \$132,000 environmental research fellowship to University of Nevada, Reno graduate student

SAN FRANCISCO – Today the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced a \$132,000 Science to Achieve Results (STAR) graduate fellowship for Jesse A. Mayer, a student at the University of Nevada, Reno. The fellowship, which will allow Mr. Mayer to further his education while conducting environmental research, was part of over \$6 million awarded to 52 students across the nation.

“Through EPA’s funding, the STAR fellows will pursue innovative research projects while attaining advanced academic degrees,” said Alexis Strauss, EPA’s Acting Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest. “The work these students are doing is inspirational, and will help address environmental challenges in fields such as atmospheric chemistry, green energy, hydrogeology and toxicology.”

Mr. Mayer's project is titled, "Desert Diesel: Engineering Opuntia ficus-indica as a low input biofuel feedstock."

Since 1995, the STAR fellowship program has awarded nearly 2,000 students a total of more than \$65 million in funding. Recipients have engaged in innovative research opportunities, with some becoming prominent leaders in environmental science. This year's STAR fellows are poised to become the next generation of environmental professionals who can make significant impacts in environmental science and beyond.

Learn more about these fellows: <https://www.epa.gov/research-fellowships/star-graduate-and-gro-undergraduate-fellowship-recipient-list#star>

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